# Hunting and Trapping Emergency Order Alaska Depart

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department of Fish and Game

Emergency Order No. 01-09-16

Issued at Sitka, Alaska 27 September, 2016

Effective Date: October 1, 2016

**Expiration Date:** 30 June 2017 (unless superseded by subsequent emergency order)

### **EXPLANATION:**

This emergency order opens the resident and nonresident mountain goat hunting season in the following portions of hunt area RG150; (1) that portion including drainages flowing into the north side of the main fork Katlian River upstream of the Hogan Lake outlet creek and drainages flowing into the south side of the Hogan Lake system, but excluding Mt. Katlian on Baranof Island in Game Management Unit 4. This emergency order takes effect at 12:01 AM, October 1, 2016.

# **REGULATION:**

Therefore, the provisions of **5 AAC 85.040**, **Hunting seasons and bag limits for goat**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective:

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Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)

Nonresident Open Season

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Unit 4, that portion including drainages flowing into the north side of the main fork Katlian River upstream of the Hogan Lake outlet creek and drainages flowing into the south side of the Hogan Lake system, but excluding Mt Katlian on Baranof Island.

Oct. 1-Dec. 31 Oct. 1-Dec. 31 (General Hunt Only)

1 goat by registration permit only; the taking of nannies with kids is prohibited.

All other mountain goat hunting regulations in Unit 4, other than areas previously closed by emergency order, are not affected by this emergency order.

Sam Cotten

Commissioner

By delegation to:

Stephen Bethune

Sitka Area Wildlife Biologist

# **JUSTIFICATION:**

Biologists conducted an aerial survey of Baranof Island mountain goats on September 10, 2016. Results indicate that the population continues to recover from declines associated with three consecutive harsh winters during 2006 through 2008 and that a harvestable surplus of goats is now available in the area covered by this emergency order. The season will be open October 1 through December 31, 2016 unless closed earlier by emergency order. Biologists have set a harvest quota of five males or one female. This emergency order action is being issued to allow hunters additional opportunity where new information indicates a harvestable surplus is available.

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